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Mr. James F. C. Hyde, Jr.
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Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Hyde:

This is in response to your request for our views on the Department of State's proposed report on S. Res. 454, a sense of the Senate Resolution dealing with international agreements designed to protect officials and their families serving abroad.

We agree with those aspects of the proposed report relating to the importance of the subject and the value of international agreements as a deterrent to threats and hostile acts against Government officials and their families abroad.

We defer completely to the Department of State on those aspects of the proposed report dealing with the discussion and negotiation of such international agreements since we have no responsibility in these areas.

Sincerely,

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